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O R 051321Z AUG 77
FM AMEMBASSY VALLETTA
TO AMEMBASSY TUNIS IMMEDIATE
INFO AMEMBASSY TRIPOLI
SECSTATE WASHDC 7553

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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: PLOS, ENRG, TS, LI, MT
SUBJECT: DELAY IN COMPLETION OF "J.W. BATES" CONTRACT

REF: VALLETTA 0849,

1. READING AND BATES OFFICIAL REQUESTED EMBASSY ON
AUGUST 5 TO INFORM AMEMBASSY TUNIS OF DIFFICULTY BEING
EXPERIENCED BY THE "J.W. BATES" IN COMPLETING WORK ON
D-2 WELL.

2. REPORTEDLY, DUE TO MALFUNCTION OF SUBSEA BLOWOUT
PREVENTER, THE "J.W. BATES" WAS NOT ABLE TO MEET
COMPLETION DEADLINE INFORMALLY AGREED BETWEEN LIBYA
AND TUNISIA. MALFUNCTION HAS NOW BEEN CORRECTED AND
THE "J.W. BATES" IS EXPECTED TO COMPLETE ITS PROGRAM
AND DEPART THE AREA WITHIN THE NEXT FOUR OR FIVE DAYS.

3. READING AND BATES WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY TUNIS
INFORMING TUNISIAN OFFICIALS THAT DELAY WAS BEYOND
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COMPANY'S CONTROL AND THERE IS NO QUESTION OF STALLING.

4. FYI. EMBOFFS PERSONALLY ACQUAINTED WITH "J.W. BATES"
RIG MANAGER WHO APPEARS MORE THAN ANXIOUS TO DEPART
AREA. EMBASSY TENDS TO ACCEPT AT FACE VALUE THAT DELAY
COMPLETELY INVOLUNTARY AND NOT A STALLING TACTIC. END FYI.
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